

Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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~~The present invention relates to a~~ A gland packing which is made of a material configured by windingly laminating an expanded graphite tape into a spiral shape. ~~The gland packing can prevent penetration leakage through minute gaps existing in windingly laminated parts, from occurring, can be sufficiently deformed so as to exhibit sure sealing properties even at a low tightening force, and has following properties against a small amount of wear so as to ensure high sealing properties, so that high sealing performance can be maintained for a long term.~~ In the gland packing, ringlike projected parts 2 and 3 are disposed on end faces of a die mold packing part [[1]] made of an expanded graphite tape [[1a]] windingly laminated into a spiral shape so as to be integrated with the part. Ring-like seal members 4 and 5 are brought into tight contact with the end faces of the die mold packing part [[1]] excluding the ring-like projected parts 2 and 3 in such a manner that the ring-like projected parts 2 and 3 are projected in an axial direction beyond the outer faces of the respective ring-like seal members.